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Major John H. Grindley receives from Colonel Duggins the Bronze Star medal at a retreat ceremony last Friday.

Maj. Grindlay Awarded for Burma March

Major John H. Grindlay, Chief of Professional Services, was awarded the Bronze Star medal December 1, for meritorious service while serving under General Stillwell in his historic march from Burma to India.

During an impressive ceremony immediately following retreat, Colonel P. E. Duggins, commanding officer, awarded the coveted medal. The Major's citation read as follows:

"Major JOHN HAPPER GRINDLAY, (then Captain), 0361149, M. C., Army of the United States. For meritorious service during the month of May 1942. Major GRINDLAY with other United

States military personnel and a number of civilians, assisted in the destruction of military installations and equipment of benefit to the enemy, and withdrew with General Stilwell from Burma to India. The trek was made on foot across mountains, jungle terrain, and monsoon swollen streams. Major GRINDLAY's endurance, cheerfulness, and concern for the welfare of other members of the party contributed much to the successful completion of this march."

Major Grindlay of "Burma Surgeon" fame, was a member of the Seagrave medical caravan, and is credited with saving hundreds of lives by performing major operations under the most primitive conditions. He once performed one hundred and twenty major operations within a period of thirty hours during General Stilwell's historic journey across the "Hump".

Following the Bronze Star award to the Major, Colonel Duggins presented the Purple Heart to Pvt. William J. Boyd, 28-year old assault engineer of Crewe, Va. Boyd, wounded in action on June 28th, Saipan, was a member of a 9-man

McGuire Gets OK on 765 Beds For Overseas Vets From Area

Half-Way Mark Passed In Hospital Bond Quota

McGuire Sixth War Loan drive allotments for military personnel reached the half-way mark with the final November bond sales. Bond purchases since November 30th indicates that McGuire will come through with more than the required quota of \$40,000, bond of officer Lt. Robert T. Morrison announced today.

"War bonds make ideal Christmas or anniversary gifts," Lt. Morrison suggested. "Beautifully decorated gift certificates for mailing or presenting to the person for whom the gift is intended will be issued to the purchaser of gift bonds. The special GI bonds may be used as gifts," the lieutenant continued, "by listing the recipient as co-owner."

The bond sale quota is the most important feature of the Sixth War Loan drive. But the full objective, according to Lt. Morrison, includes the increase of Class B

Phone Operators Touch off Week's Good Time Festival

C & P telephone operators invade the Red Cross Auditorium tonight at 7 PM hauling ashore with them a reserve of refreshments, femininity and fun. All patients are invited to join in the doings.

Friday, Red Cross gates open to WRVA Hospital Circuit No. 2, sponsored by the Special Services Branch. The newly-formed radio caravan features Joe Brown, the

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McGuire Hospital is way out in front in the "Ideas for Victory" derby of 3rd Service Command general hospitals. McGuire established its lead at the beginning of the race in May of '44 and has held its winning pace since. Deshon and Valley Forge are "place" and "show" runners at present.

Official standings are:

General Hospitals	Sug's Rec'd	Nov.	Total
McGuire	42	231	
Deshon	40	63	
Valley Forge	30	130	
Woodrow Wilson	10	73	

In the local handicap, McGuire civilian personnel cashed in on November's prize money in the "Ideas for Victory," while military personnel fell back into the "also ran" class.

Miss Adice R. Murphy of Civilian Personnel trotted off with \$10 top money for her prize suggestion of a procedure for processing new personnel. Miss Anne R. Arnold of Transportation and Mr. James M. Seivert of Supply, ran neck and neck for second money of \$5 each. Miss Arnold's ideas about the placing of traffic signs and Mr. Seivert's suggestion

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flame-throwing squad sent to wipe out Jap pill-box emplacements that were delaying infantry advance. Enemy machine-gum fire killed one and wounded five members of the squad before the objective was accomplished. Boyd was among the five wounded, and is now a patient in McGuire.

FUN FLASH

Bringing a cast of 40 talented GIs, an all-soldier variety show from Camp Pickett storms into the Post Theater tonight for all patients, personnel and their guests.

The movie scheduled for tonight will be cancelled. Performances of the Pickett show will take place at 6:30 and 7:45 PM.

Pic Mermaid Williams Here Friday

MGM's gorgeous star of "Bathing Beauty", Esther Williams is coming—in person—to McGuire wards for a two-day visit tomorrow and Saturday. Under the auspices of Special Services and USO-Camp Shows, she will use her best bedside manner, in chatting with overseas vets hospitalized here.

Born on Hollywood's doorstep in Los Angles, Esther Williams never dreamed when she first dove into a pool that her subsequent aquatic career would end in a movie contract.

Her childhood ambition was to be a champion swimmer. At fifteen she won the 100-meter free-style national championship. From that time on she took national championships and broke records right and left. Then came a starring role in Billy Rose's San Francisco World's Fair Aquacade. Following a season at the World's Fair, Esther returned to modeling.

Possessor of a champion swimmer's perfect figure, Esther is 5'7" tall, weighs 123 pounds, has hazel hair and brown eyes.



ESTHETIC ESTHER WILLIAMS, free-styles into McGuire wards tomorrow to personally greet overseas vets here. Expected to cause a major splash, the mermaid star of "Bathing Beauty" will float the wards until Saturday afternoon.

New Capacity Of over 2,000 Now Planned

A far-reaching overhaul of McGuire's functions and future operations is seen in an announcement by Colonel P. E. Duggins, Commanding Officer, of a revised bed authorization more than tripling the number of definitive patients now hospitalized here.

The new authorization, received from the Surgeon General, increases to 765 the number of patients who will receive care here until returned to duty or discharged. The hospital will be a center for general and orthopedic surgery.

The changes provide also for cutting down to 1,000 the number of beds held for evacuees from overseas general hospitals. Various stations within convenient distance of Hampton Roads Port of Embarkation are under consideration by the Surgeon General to carry McGuire's overflow in the event of an arrival of more than 1,000 patients at one time.

Coupled with the revised authorization came the announcement of formulating plans to convert the ground floors of VA buildings into fully equipped ward floors, capacity of 300. The new facilities will be added to the total for definitive patients, bringing the authorization to 1,065. The construction however, is not expected to be completed for 60 to 90 days.

Added to the present combined definitive and evacuation capacity of 1,765, the new figure of 2,065 beds will rank McGuire with the nation's larger medical centers.

Out of the 765 beds allotted to definitive patients, 200 have been earmarked for patients from the zone of the interior requiring general hospital care as well as hospital personnel and emergency military cases from the region. Sources for overseas definitive patients are expected to be groups of direct evacuees, from which men living in this area will be drawn, and transfers from other points of evacuation.

Anticipating need for wholesale conversion of responsibilities and functions, branch chiefs and other hospital personnel have reacted to the announcement with rapid reconsiderations of what is to be expected of them.

Major Frank P. Coleman, Chief, Surgical Service, whose department is expected to feel most sharply the impact of the new authorization, reported, "The changes will unquestionably multiply the number of surgical operations taking place here. The operating room will become a major corner of the hospital. In the past we have found it advisable to delay most operations until patients arrived at their hospital for definitive treatment, thus giving them a

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Pacific GIs Irked by Japs Who Wouldn't Stay Dead

By Camp Newspaper Service

Lessons learned in combat exert great influence on training doctrine. The reception and evaluation of information concerning battle experience in the job of G-3, the operations and training division of the General Staff.

Some of the reactions of individual soldiers to the fighting on Kwajalein and the Palau Islands are given below. The problem under consideration is the destruction of Jap pill-boxes.

Sgt. Paul K. Barry, assistant rifle squad leader reports: "The enemy pill-boxes and bunkers on Kwajalein Island were often connected by tunnels, which made it extremely hazardous to go inside a knocked-out emplacement to check it for enemy soldiers."

"The enemy would crawl into the tunnel while the bunker was being blown up, and then come out into the bunker again when things quieted down. It is better to burn them out and then cover up the opening."

From S-Sgt George H. Klob, rifle squad leader: "Our first night on the island was one of many experiences. We had all dug in and made preparations to spend the night. Just as it got dark, we had a pretty good scare. A bunker was located in the center of our area, out of which ran about 6 Japs. During the day, that particular bunker was grenade quite a few times. In fact our outfit had dropped 8 grenades into it."

"The only way you can make sure of those bunkers is to burn them or blow them sky high. The Japs can take a lot of punishment and are harder than hell to kill. A bunker that is leveled with the ground is the only good bunker."

S-Sgt Arthur Savalova, rifle squad leader, has the floor: "We found an interesting use for the

smoke grenade on the afternoon of Feb 4.

"The engineers who worked with our squad on a large bunker were having quite a time. They had thrown a satchel charge inside the bunker, waited and nothing happened. They tried another with the same result.

"We knew live Japs were inside and that gave one of the engineers an idea. He threw a smoke grenade into the bunker first, then, when the interior was full of smoke, another satchel charge was tossed inside and a huge explosion followed. The engineer had figured that the Japs were finding the satchel charges and pulling the fuses until they were blinded by the smoke of the grenade."

Sgt Myles Champion, assistant squad leader: "In this particular case, we were advancing behind the 2nd battalion when we stopped near a pill-box. Assuming everything was already cleared out by the front line troops, we failed to take cover and bunched up like bananas on a stalk. About the time we decided to do some checking up, the Japs beat us to the draw by appearing just out of the entrance to the pill-box and firing a few shots at a very surprised bunch of dogfaces. Mr Sanjo could have made it bad for us had he been more of a marksman and had we been lacking several fast-thinking men."

McGUIRE GH.—Tenderly he pushed her quivering shoulders against the chair. She raised beseeching eyes in which faint hope and fear were struggling. From her parted lips the breath came in short wrenching gasps. Reassuringly he smiled at her.

BZZZZZ-ZZZZ-Z went the dentist's drill.

Of Smokes And Cokes:

Word has come from Post Headquarters concerning the increasing carelessness in throwing matches, cigarette and other discarded articles on the floors and grounds of the hospital. Sufficient receptacles are placed in the corridors to make the practise unnecessary. Also noted is a growing number of spots on the floors from spilled soda fountain drinks.

Headquarters is reluctant to prohibit smoking in the corridors or to stop the removal of drinks from the PX. If all personnel will cooperate in putting an end to the carelessness, such action will not be necessary.



Q. I'm only 4 foot 10 inches tall, 2 inches too short for the Army, but, due to an error by my induction center, I'm in the Army anyhow. I've been stationed at a reception center for 5 months, wearing a uniform that's 2 sizes too large for me, and doing little else, because the Army can't find anything for me to do. I want to know if I can get a discharge.

A. Maybe you can. WD Cir 370 says that men now in the Army who can't meet the present physical standards for induction and who have no special Army assignment are eligible for discharge. Why not ask your CO about it?

Q. I'm a combat infantryman at present stationed with a non-combatant outfit. I want to know if I'm going to lose my extra pay just because I'm no longer up front.

A. According to WD Cir 08, 17 Oct 1944, a combat infantryman's extra pay does not stop when he leaves his combat unit unless he has lost his badge for failure to perform satisfactorily in ground combat against the enemy."

Library Notes

There has been lack of reporting in this war. Since the attack on Pearl Harbor three years ago there has been a variety of material published — excellent and otherwise. Eye witness accounts, personal narratives, descriptions of campaigns and battles all form part of the written record of the war. Mentioned here are only a few of the titles on our library shelves.

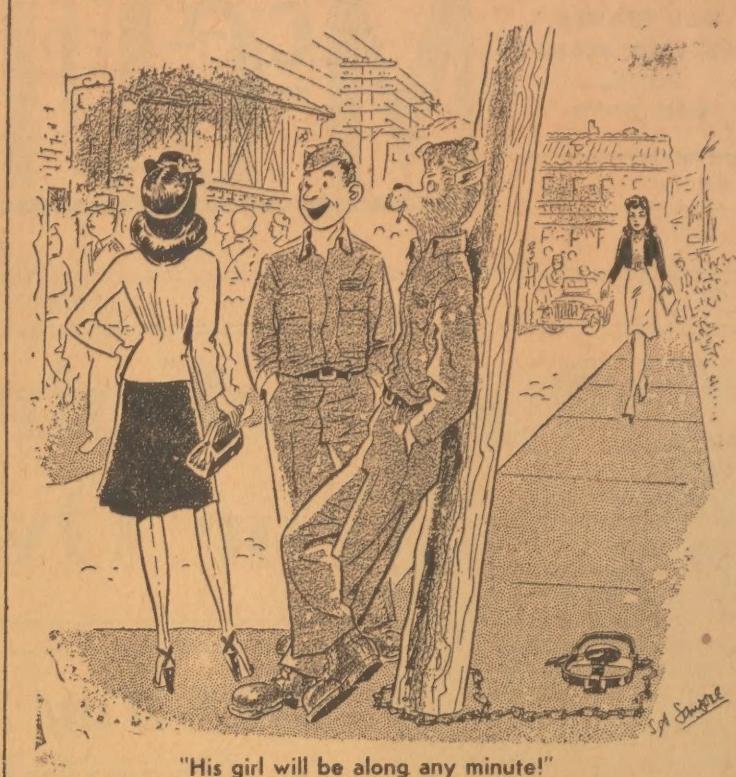
Richard L. Tobin, war correspondent for the New York Herald Tribune, in his INVASION JOURNAL, describes vividly the robot bombings. His book, a diary from April to August of this year, is dedicated to the people of London—"heroic, unruffled civilians."

In trying to understand our allies, we will find PEOPLE ON OUR SIDE, by Edgar Snow a valuable book. The author, a correspondent for the Saturday Evening Post gives a clear picture of the people on our side, especially the people of Russia, China, and India.

Ernie Pyle's HERE IS YOUR WAR and his latest BRAVE MEN give us first hand news from the front. GUADALCANAL DIARY and INVASION DIARY, by Richard W. Tregaskis, are two of the better war books. CURTAIN RISES is Quentin Reynolds' account of his 1943 experiences on various war fronts—Trinidad, Cairo, Palestine, Russia, and Italy. He writes in a ninteresting manner of important people from General Eisenhower to Bob Hope.

The Wolf

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"His girl will be along any minute!"

Corregidor Didn't Dampen Dimples on A&D Nurse

At the A and D office of McGuire's nursing staff resulting from overseas assignment of many Army nurses, Susan K. Gallagher, R. N., donned white uniform and answered the call.

In an interview with THE BANNER, Nurse Gallagher said that her Corregidor experiences were too dreadful to talk about, particularly since her husband, Lt. Robert A. Gallagher, USN, is still a Jap prisoner on the islands. She has heard from him only once in more than a year, but she and their two-year old son know that he will come back.

Nurse Gallagher enlisted in the Army Nurse Corps shortly after her graduation from University of Virginia Hospital. She saw four and a half years of service before harrowing experiences at Corregidor left her physically unfit for active duty.

Responding to a recent call for civilian nurses to fill the gaps in

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Serving on the McGuire staff are four other civilian R. N.'s and others may be added if demands so require according to Mrs. M. E. Cridlin, R. N. of 111 So. Colonial Ave., Richmond, secretary of the civilian nurse recruiting committee for this area.

GI SHAVINGS

BY
Pvt. Joe Q. McGuire

Anyone having funny ideas about the scratches on Sgt. Anthony H. Hoffman's pan just might as well dismiss them. He got them in last Thursday's basketball game. At least that's what he told us.

Cpl. Sam Calton of CQ popularity had a tough time on his most recent DS trip. He was forced to share an upper berth with Pfc. Ben Richards who is all of 6 feet and weighs 185 soaking wet. "Home was never like that!" exclaimed Sam.

THINGSTOCOME... 1385's pet cat is said to be planning a new increase in her family.

NEW SONG: Tweet, tweet, went Lucero instead of Clang, Clang, Clang, went the trolley.

MISCLASSIFICATION: This column reported Pfc. Kramer's trip to Camp Lee for higher education in repairing typewriters. Aftermath came when Kramer got into the wrong line while reporting into Lee. He wound up with a crew of QM OCS men. Poor Kramer was nearly commissioned before he straightened it out.

The boys in the Detachment would like to use this column to thank Capt. Max Dreyer, PX Officer, for the conscientious way in which he has kept the boys informed of good buys in the PX. Many men here remember the top rate job Capt. Dreyer did as PX Officer in Valley Forge. He doesn't seem to have lost his touch.

GOOD RUMOR: Upperbunkers who sleep with one eye open ever since Pfc. Jimmy Quick fell out of bed can close them now. We may all be in the ground crew shortly.

LOYALTY DEPARTMENT: Sgt. Neil O'Keefe, illustrations CQ, couldn't forget. He wasn't on furlough a week before he called colleague Rosenberg long distance from Dundalk, Maryland... just to ask how things were going at McGuire.

Cpl. Roy Delvecchio, the lad who keeps the ole barracks in top shape, has a picture he tore from LIFE. It shows the exact spot in Bizerte where he was wounded. He also met Gertie of Bizerte fame there.



More Patients Need More Bandages from More Officers' Wives

With the increased number of definitive treatment patients authorized at McGuire, more help will be needed from officers' wives for preparation of surgical dressings, it was announced by Lt. Col. Katherine Jolliffe, Principal Chief Nurse.

"A great number of dressings are used in only one operation," Col. Jolliffe explained, "and the number of operations will multiply now."

"McGuire has seen a reduction in the number of nurses stationed here. It is essential that they give all their attention to the patients themselves. We must depend on officers' wives to relieve nurses in preparing bandages . . . and we know we can depend upon them."

Officers' wives are asked to contact Mrs. P. E. Duggins, chairman of officers' wives volunteer committee.

McGuire Gets OK on Beds

(Continued from page 1) chance at restful recovery. Output of work should become more uniform now with fewer peaks and fewer periods of comparative idleness. And of great importance to the medical corps is the fuller use we will make now of the collection of medical and surgical skill centered here."

Pointing to the increased importance to the hospital of Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy with the changes, Major Carlo S. Scuderi, Chief, Orthopedic Surgery Section, said, "While Occupational Therapy is now equipped to handle the increased demands which will be placed upon it, I believe more space will be required for the department. They will have to spread out their equipment in order to have room for all the patients requiring their unique type of treatment."

"As for Physical Therapy," the surgeon continued, "the department is now working at capacity with the limited number of patients receiving treatment. They will require a general increase in staff and facilities."

Patients Mess looks forward to the solution of many problems as the result of the conversion, while new enigmas are expected to crop up in their place, according to Lt. Irving Gellman, Mess Officer. "The increased capacity will result in a smoother flow of work," Lt. Gellman predicted, "simplifying both the purchasing and preparation of food. Under the new authorization we will have a much better idea of the number of hungry customers on any given future date. With the varied diets required in a large hospital, however, preparation of meals for bed patients may become considerably complicated. But it is a problem of every hospital, and there is no reason why it should not in time be solved here."

The increased number of definitive patients will bring with it a greater number of CDDs than in the past, thus placing more emphasis on Separation Classification and Counseling Section under Lt. R. T. Morrison. Contact with business leaders in the community will be expanded in order to further the section's vocational guidance program. Lt. Morrison's office announced.

Lt. Robert D. Henry saw in the new order "a revitalizing of the entire reconditioning program. We plan a greater variety of classes and group discussions. With a large number of permanent patients, we are in a position to arrange with teachers in town the formation of classes on the same level with those in Richmond's schools and colleges."

Joe Borrows Dough; GI Bill Backs Joe

BY SGT. FRANK WILSON

Joe is an honorably discharged veteran of World War II. He has had at least 90 days or more service before 16 September 1940.

There is a big problem confronting Joe in his efforts to be a happy, successful soul. Joe wants to open a gas station. He knows he can make it pay, but the big obstacle in his way is money. He needs \$4,000 to open his business.

Joe went to his bank and requested a loan of \$4,000. The bank would gladly lend him the money but he has to produce a guarantor or 'backer'. Joe doesn't know anybody who could back him for that amount of money, so he thinks the best thing to do is to forget about the whole thing and find a job. He hates to let a good deal like that gas station slip through his fingers but it looks like he's going to be forced to.

Then he remembered something they told him while in service, about the GI Bill of Rights. A trip to the regional office of the Veteran's Administration and Joe is informed of the provisions of the GI Bill of Rights. Joe just about has that gas station now. Here's why: Under provisions of the GI Bill, a veteran of World War II who has a discharge under conditions other than dishonorable and who has had at least 90 days service after 16 September 1940 is eligible for "Loan Guarantee", one of the three provisions of the GI Bill.

As long as he has a sound reason for borrowing an amount of money, the Veteran's Administration will back him up. Joe wants to open his gas station. He believes he can make it pay. That's good enough reason for the VA to approve Joe's request for a loan guarantee. The loan must mature within 20 years and the interest rate cannot be over 4% per year.

The maximum amount the VA will guarantee is 50% of a loan not exceeding a guarantee of \$2,000. Joe goes back to the bank, produces the Veteran's Administration as a backer and the \$4,000 loan is granted. The Government pays the first year's interest rate on the loan also. Joe has his gas station and is a happy, successful veteran.

For further information on the GI Bill of Rights, or any personal affairs problem, contact Lt. Morrison, Administration building.

A Recipe for a WAC

Take one enrolled member, slightly green. Stir from bed at an early hour. Soak in shower or tub daily. Dress in olive drab. Mix others of her kind. Grate on sergeant's nerves, toughen with physical training, and add liberal portions of baked beans and roast beef. Season with snow, wind and rain. Sweeten from time to time with chocolate bars. Bake in 100 degree temperature in summer and let cool in below-zero weather in winter. Will serve 130,000,000 people.

Red Cross, too, expects to note heavily the changed nature of McGuire's services, reported Miss Frances T. Southall, Field Director. "Case work can now be performed to a fuller degree. With a large number of patients staying here, we will be able to follow a case through to its conclusion rather than just getting the ball rolling until a patient reaches his next hospital. As for recreation, machinery is already set up to conduct a large scale program. Scheduling of events will be vastly simplified with the guarantee of larger audiences all the time."

-Buy War Bonds-

Behind the Scenes: RFD McGuire

By CPL. BERNARD ASBEL

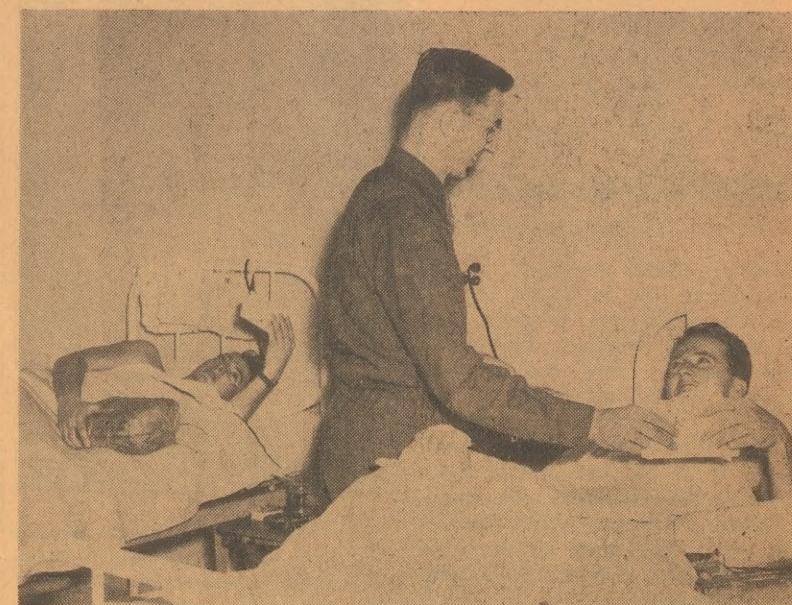
Photos by Cpl. Bruce Milgrim

The mailman is still the dogface's best friend.

In McGuire, as in any outfit stationed anywhere on the globe, his cry "Mail Call" runs into close popularity competition even with the announcement of chow.

The smiles which beam on the mailman twice daily are reflected by the BANNER this week on the enlisted men behind the Post Office scenes who share with him the job of getting the right letter to the right litter.

Right, Mailman Pvt. Bob Stevens hands Pfc. Joe T. Hinson a letter which has followed him across the Atlantic to France and back again, finally catching up with Joe in his McGuire ward. Pvt. Harry Coulotta, wounded in Italy, looks on.



Huge bags of letters, magazines, parcels marked "cookies" and "SMRLH"—"Soldiers Mail, Rush Like Hell", are picked up at the Richmond Post Office three times each day. A "primary breakdown" separates mail for patients, attached enlisted men, officers and the larger departments.

At left, S-Sgt. Daniel Lame, Chief Clerk, Cpl. Sidney Diamond, Pvt. Stevens, and Sgt. Gregory Finnegan, divide the mail further for pickup by individual branches, officers and nurses. Mail for enlisted personnel is alphabetized and distributed at detachment.

Every letter addressed to a patient is checked against a huge file to determine whether the patient is in McGuire or has been sent on to another general hospital. Every day letters are received which have followed patients from theater to theater.



Outgoing mail must be inspected for postage correct addresses and weeding out of intra-hospital letters.

Inspecting a portion of the sizable daily volume of outgoing mail are, lower right, Pfc. John Winiowski, Cpl. Diamond and Sgt. Finnegan.

Favorite gripe among Post Office men is unclear or erroneous addressing of mail to persons on the post. Complete return address on outgoing mail, they emphasize, will do much to solve the problem.

But now and then freak addresses come in which are welcome for their wit. Cpl. Margaret P. Wolfe reports receiving a letter without any delay although it was addressed "Cpl. Irish P. (and a picture of a howling wolf), WAC Detachment."

Largest volume of incoming mail goes to "Directory"—the file of patients who have moved to other hospitals. Second honors go to the enlisted detachment. Administration building accounts for the largest quantity of official mail coming in, while the Library is in



receipt every day of numbers of books and periodicals. Packages often arrive addressed to no person or office in particular. More often than not these are gifts to be distributed among patients. Such packages are forwarded after examination to the Special Services Office.

As in any institution, large or small, snags pop up in the post office requiring immediate action and correction, often followed by a reorganization of method. At such times, the Chief Clerk gathers around himself his most trusted advisors.

The BANNER had the singular pleasure of attending one such trust confab, pictured below. Always willing to give an ear to any upstart, the Chief Clerk considers a revolutionary plan to evacuate wounded from overseas theaters via V-Mail.

Not to allow the blueprint to stand on its own detailed merit, his favorite advisor expounds profusely on the new scheme, "UP AR 487-6383 hspxk hekovjhyd-geofur gedkxhe jx ahrtz nrk jwoxbdyebd hgs sad sack. On the other hand, hwxgaczj, hwxgaczj neoxgshjx, snafu ndisl V-mail kfisoajebryze postage due, I'll tell him when he comes in. Kxgckendyfoethr Ifovs am!"

"Young man!"





By 1st SGT. BILL ALLISON

Eugene Criqui had part of his skull blown off in World War I, but the plate the surgeons put in his head enabled him to go back into the ring and win the bantam weight championship.

Jean White, the pretty Woodhaven, L. I., girl who was national figure-skating champion, was doomed when a child to hobble through life on braces and crutches. In our eyes, that makes Jean a double champion.

Tommy Armour won the U.S. Open and became one of the all-time professional golfers after losing an eye in the last war.

And just to show that this column is on the ball . . . always dependable on sports tips . . . the Bull Pen lost \$5.50 on the Navy goat last Saturday.

GI's on beleaguered battlefronts will soon be able to see baseball games instead of just listening to them via static stammering short wave.

In a recent AP release, USO-Camp Shows announced that the first of five baseball units that will go overseas, had left the country for an undisclosed destination.

The group included George Stainback and Johnny Lindell of the Yankees; Steve O'Neill, manager of the Detroit Tigers; National League Umpire John (Beans) Reardon, and Franklin Lewis, Cleveland sports writer.

Phone Operators

(Continued from page 1) Richmond station's MC of "OK, America," a weekly soldier broadcast. J. Harold Lawrence, blind pianist, and a crew of gifted gals highspot the show. Curtain time is 7 PM.

"National Barn Dance," Hollywood's new swing-your-partner hit takes over Saturday night in a special free showing for patients only. The telephone company is slated for a return stand Sunday evening when its accounting department brings more frivolity in the form of hostesses, entertainers and chow.

Fun spotlight of the week turns on "Say When," newest USO-Camp Show scheduled to pull up at the McGuire doorstep on Tuesday. Headlining the entertainment will be Dorothy Bruce, a variety show in herself. Dorothy comes with a boogie-woogie saw, novelty tunes, fast tap routines and some mighty clever chatter. Three Blair Sisters, harmony singers, Jane Mathews, lightning taps, Seror Twins, hilarious pantomime, and Donald Jones, pianist, balance the entertainment diet.



The BANNER isn't publishing the final score on last Thursday's Camp Lee game . . . because we lost 76-17. But the hot competition which marked the play from the opening whistle left a lot of GIs sorry they stayed home.

Above "Long Bill" Cheswick and an unidentified cohort give Schmidli, Lee's big gun, the business . . . MGH fashion, above.

Men on both squads snap to athletic attention as Cheswick out leaps Rankin of Lee in a tense moment after a General attempt for a basket bounces off the backboard. P. S. Ches got the ball. The Generals hit the road for Norfolk tonight to take on the Norfolk Army Base. "And this time," warn the Generals in unison, "we bring home the bacon."

Hospital Cab Stand WILL Open Tonight

Nightly taxi service to McGuire from the Air Base Cab Stand at 8th and Marshall Sts., originally scheduled to get under way last Thursday, will begin tonight at 9 PM, it was announced by G. A. Hanson, Jr., manager, Air Base Transportation Association.

"Chief reason for the delay," Mr. Hanson explained, "was the slowness in printing of cards listing fares. In view of the amount of overcharging going on in cabs to McGuire, we felt we would rather start our business with the rates in black and white".

Rates are \$1 for the first one or two passengers, \$1.50 for three, and 25c for each additional thereafter.

Cabs will shuttle between the Air Base Cab Stand at 8th and Marshall every night from 9 PM to 5 AM.

JWB Sponsors Holiday Dance

A Chanukah Festival dance for servicemen will be held next Wednesday in the John Marshall Hotel Roof Garden, it was announced by the Jewish Welfare Board. Scheduled to provide fun from 8:30 until midnight in honor of the holy days, the dance is open to men of all faiths and their wives. Attractive junior hostesses will be present.

Detachment Guns for Allison In Paddle Tournament Friday



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Sergeant Bill and His Pin Plain Stuck on Each Other

BY PVT. LEE KING

A safety-pin may be frankly functional, naively necessary, or just plain essential. But to battle-scarred infantry Sgt. William J. Dilworth a safety-pin is a good luck charm.

Sergeant Bill's safety-pin is quite formidable looking. A full six inches long and rugged in proportion, he's carried it with him through every battle since he joined the Army early in 1934.

The Sarge was kidding around with some of the girls in a Honolulu G.I. laundry the day he acquired the pin. At first it was just a sort of souvenir to him; one of the thousands of inconsequential impediments that inevitably slips into the pockets, foot-lockers or barracks bags of GIs the world over.

It was on December 7, 1941, that Bill first recognized the jinx-

averting power of his safety pin.

He just happened to have it in his pocket that day of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Scheduled to go on guard duty at Hickman Field, something happened to delay his duty there so he missed being blasted when the Japs bombed the field. Bill is sure the pin in his pocket was the lucky charm that saved him. Ever since then he has made sure the pin was always on his person. It was with him all the time he was in England with some of the first American troops to be stationed there. Bill is sure his safety-pin charm averted Nazi bombs from his outfit.

And during the invasion of France, from D-Day to St. Lo, Sergeant Bill's charm was on the job constantly, netting him many a narrow escape.

During the hot fighting around Port Herbert near St. Lo, a burst of Jerry shrapnel caught up with Bill, wounding his stomach and hips. But Bill swears his charm didn't let him down, because if it hadn't worked he would "surely have died of wounds so severe that any other man (that is, any guy without my good-luck charm) would have been killed on the spot."

Bill's confidence in the power of his charm pin is quite convincing. In fact he is willing to bet that he will be in condition to return to duty when he is discharged from the hospital.

A ping pong title tilt for McGuire enlisted men is slated for the gym tomorrow night at 7 PM.

More than thirty Day Room Commando entries have already been received, and the card is still open to late entries who get in touch with Cpl. Al Bianco before 6:30 PM tomorrow.

Double elimination prelims scheduled in advance of the main event will give each player two shots at the finalists' card.

For the past two weeks there has been much squad room breeze batteing about odds on dark horse players, but easy top favorites are 1st Sgt. Bill Allison and Pfc. Mortetti. Both have been widely scouted in day room training camp, and close observers say it will be a 'grudge' bout as both recueeteers are out for blood.

McGuire Tops In Good Ideas

(Continued from page 1) for improvement in laundry methods, were the prize winners that ran in the money for them.

In June of 1943, Army Service Forces inaugurated the suggestion program which provided cash prizes or other awards for ideas selected by the ASF committee and local committees as being worthy of placing into operation. The ideas were to be submitted by military and civilian personnel throughout the various service commands. These ideas have since effected savings of more than eleven million dollars for the Army Service Forces, and have at the same time, paid off the rauthors to the tune of several thousand dollars for civilians and hundreds of days' leave for military personnel.

McGuire "Ideas for Victory" committee has been in operation since the opening of the hospital and is empowered to offer cash prizes of \$5 to \$250 for ideas which result in the saving of time, labor or money, or which contribute to the overall improvement of any phase of the hospital's activities. McGuire civilians are eligible for cash-prize participation in the contest, while enlisted men may receive awards of passes, furloughs or commendations as high as the Legion of Merit. Officers may also receive commendations for ideas submitted. A McGuire prize winning suggestion may be entered by the McGuire committee in the 3rd Service Command contest to receive an additional award.

Suggestion blanks are available in the "Ideas for Victory" boxes conveniently located around the post.

Bill has been a McGuire patient since November 19th. The giant size safety-pin, always hooked to the shoulder of his hospital pajamas, has been the source of much comment and many a question.

Male Call

THE NAVY'S SHIP AND AIRCRAFT NOMENCLATURE IS OFTEN CONFUSING TO LANDSMEN... SINCE SAILORS THINK OF THEIR SHIPS AS FEMALES, THIS CHART WILL MAKE IT SIMPLER TO UNDERSTAND SOME OF THOSE GROUPS OF LETTERS...

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DD (DANCING DEVIL) A FAST OPERATOR... SHE'LL ROLL YOU IF YOU DON'T LOOK LIVELY

PT (PARTY TYPE) SHE LIKES TO GO PLACES AND DO THINGS... SHE STAYS UP TILL THE SUN GOES DOWN!

SS (SILENT SENDER) WHEN YOU GO OUT WITH HER SHE HOLDS YOU SO CLOSE YOU SELDOM EVEN COME UP FOR AIR!

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

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BB (BROAD BEAM) SHE'S BIG AND TOUGH - AND A GOOD GAL TO BE WITH IN BANDIT COUNTRY...

AO (ALL OUT) SHE'LL GET DIRTY WITH YOU IF YOU DON'T FEND HER OFF

CV (CHARMING VIXEN) SHE LIKES TO TOSS OFF A FEW NOW AND THEN... NO MATTER HOW OFTEN YOU RUN OUT ON HER, SHE'S ALWAYS WILING TO TAKE YOU BACK...

Leg Log

AR (ALWAYS RELIABLE) SHE'S THE MOTHERLY SORT - NOT GLAMOROUS, BUT NICE TO TURN TO WHEN YOU NEED SYMPATHY

FOR LUBBERS ONLY

DD - DESTROYER PT - PATROL TORPEDO BOAT

SS - SUBMARINE BB - BATTLESHIP AO - OILER CV - AIRCRAFT CARRIER AR - REPAIR SHIP